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SUBJECT: SECOND SESSION, INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE ( MAB) APRIL 10-19, 1973

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1. SUMMARY: SECOND MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL CO- ORDINATING  
COUNCIL FOR MAN AND BIOSPHERE ENDED TODAY WITH GENERAL AGREE-  
MENT PROGRAM NOW HAS MOVED FROM ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING STAGE  
TO FIRST PHASE OF IMPLEMENTATION. TEN- DAY SESSION, ATTENDED  
BY ALL TWENTY FIVE MEMBERS PLUS SIX OBSERVER COUNTRIES AND  
REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN UN ORGANIZATION AGENCIES AND NGOS,  
WAS MARKED BY HARMONY OF PURPOSE. AS REPORTED REFTEL ( A) US RE-  
ELECTED TO VICE- CHAIRMANSHIP OF COUNCIL. FOUR OF THIRTEEN  
MAB PROJECTS SINGLED OUT FOR INITIAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT DURING  
PERIOD BEFORE NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ALL  
PROGRAMS BE INTERDISCIPLINARY WITH STRONG PARTICIPATION OF SOCIAL  
SCIENCES. US TENTATIVE INVITATION TO HOST NEXT MEETING ICC LATE  
AUGUST- EARLY SEPTEMBER 1974 ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED. END SUM-  
MARY.

2. IN ABSENCE MAHEU, SESSION OPENED BY FOBES WHO STRESSED HIGH  
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PRIORITY GIVEN MAB BY 17 TH GC AND STOCKHOLM SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENT OF PROGRAM.

3. BUREAU ELECTION RESULT: BOURLIERE ( FRANCE) RE- ELECTED, KING ( USA) ( RE- ELECTED), OLANIYAN ( NIGERIA), SANCHEZ ( CHILE) SOKOLOV ( URSS) ( RE- ELECTED). SLATYER ( AUSTRALIA) ELECTED RAPPORTEUR.

4. FIRST WEEK DEVOTED REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND BUREAU AND DISCUSSION REPORTS OF EXPERT PANELS ON PROJECTS 1, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, ON ROLE OF SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND MODELLING, AND EDUCATION. DECISION TAKEN PROCEED WITH ADDITIONAL PANELS REMAINING PROJECTS BEFORE NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL.

5. THE COUNCIL WAS OPPOSED TO EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF MAB AND HAD STRONG RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE TWO SOVIET PROPOSALS ON POLLUTION AND ENERGY. WHILE IT REITERATED THE FLEXIBILITY OF MAB TO RESPOND TO NEW SITUATION, IT NEVERTHELESS FELT THAT NEW IDEAS CAN BE INCORPORATED UNDER THE EXISTING 13 PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC GROUP TO EXAMINE THE POLLUTION PROPOSAL IN GREATER DEPTH FOR COORDINATION AT THE NEXT SESSION OF BUREAU. THE COUNCIL' S ACTION ON THE ENERGY PROPOSAL, THE STOCKHOLM RECOMMENDATION #80, AND THE TWO CUBAN PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO THE 17 TH GC HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN REFTEL ( B).

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAB STATUTES WORKING GROUPS WILL BE SET UP FOR FOUR PROJECTS (1, 3,5,6) WHICH WERE DESIGNATED " CORE" PROGRAMS OF CONCENTRATION NOW UNTIL NEXT MEETING. ALSO CREATED WAS SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND MODELLING TO ASSIST IN PRELIMINARY SYNTHESIS FOR FOUR PROJECTS. ALL GROUPS TO REPORT INTERIM TO " EXPANDED BUREAU", COMPOSED OF BUREAU AND FOUR CHAIRMEN AFORE MENTIONED GROUPS PLUS SEVERAL CONSULTANTS ON SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, MODELLING, METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING.

7. COUNCIL EMPHASIZED THAT EXECUTION OF ENTIRE PROGRAM WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES ( NOW OVER 50 IN NUMBER) ASSISTED AND COORDINATED BY SECRETARIAT AND WORKING GROUPS.

8. PARTICULAR STRESS WAS LAID ON ORIENTING PROJECTS TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ON FORMATION OF REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL COOPERATING MECHANISMS, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME MAIN THRUST OF " CORE" PROJECTS. EDUCATIONAL EFFORT FOR PROGRAM LIMITED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TECHNICIANS ONLY FOR THE PRESENT TIME.

9. PRESENT FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PARTICIPATING FULLY, WERE FAO, WHO, WMO. FAO INTENDS TO DESIGNATE PROJECT OFFICERS TO ASSIST CARRYING OUT PROJECTS 1 AND 3 AND 5 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FAO GOVERNING BODY. THESE OFFICERS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE MAB EXPANDED BUREAU. WMO HAS COOPERATIVE INTEREST IN MANY PROJECTS PARTICULARLY 1, 2, 6 AND 9.

10. NGO RELATIONSHIP WITH MAB FORMALIZED BY APPROVAL JOINT MAB/ ICSU AND MAB/ IUCN COMMITTEES AT THE SECRETARIAT LEVEL.

11. THROUGHOUT SESSION UNANIMOUS ACCORD THAT ALL PROJECTS MUST BE INTERDISCIPLINARY WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BOTH IN PROGRAM PLANNING AND COMPOSITION OF EXPERTS ON PANELS AND ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

12. THE COUNCIL ALSO BELIEVED THAT MAB PROJECTS SHOULD BUILD IN VARIOUS LEVELS OF SOPHISTICATION IN ORDER TO ASSURE PARTICIPATION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

13. AS AUTHORIZED BY OIC, US EXTENDED TENTATIVE INVITATION TO HOST NEXT MEETING ICC LATE AUGUST- EARLY SEPTEMBER 1974. FIVE OTHER COUNTRIES OFFERED TO HOST VARIOUS MEETINGS OF EXPERT PANELS AND WORKING GROUPS.  
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